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## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Following is the address of Governor Wm. J. Mills to the graduates of the New Mexico Military Institute given last night at Lea Hall:

Address of Governor Mills, Members of the Graduating Class, and Ladies and Gentlemen:

I thank you for the cordial greetings which you have given me this evening, and for the many kindnesses which you have shown me since I arrived in your beautiful little city.

Roswell is indeed a town of which you may well be proud. Your conditions dwellings, substantial public buildings, large stores filled with costly goods, your trees and well kept lawns and gardens, and the many automobiles which I have seen upon your streets, bear witness to the thrift and intelligence of the people who made it possible for this happy and substantial community to grow and thrive on what, but a very few years ago was an open prairie occupied only by wild animals, and live stock ranging at will over its hills, plains and valleys.

Although I have a number of good friends in the Pecos Valley, some of whom I have known intimately for many years, and many acquaintances, still the journey from Las Vegas, where I lived, consumed so considerable a space of time, that occupied as I was with court business, I did not have the opportunity of visiting Roswell as I would like to have done. Not having been here more frequently and not having met and mingled with your people has been a loss to me, even if it has not been to your community.

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Your regents did not have to go through these experiments, but have always had the good sense to endeavor to select properly trained men as the principals of this school.

On the principal more than on any other one thing, depends whether or not a school will be a success or a failure. He is like the general commanding an army. The success or failure of a campaign depends largely upon how he lays out his plans and directs the officers to command the divisions and regiments of the army under him. If he plans wisely and well and chooses the proper subordinates to carry out the various maneuvers necessary to their successful completion, the campaign will be crowned with success, and victory will perch upon his standards, while, if he does not properly plan, or if his officers fail in the execution of their orders, then defeat and disgrace will surely follow.

The head of a school or of a college has education, and like the commanding general of an army must be first; he must be just and enforce strict discipline; treat all his students alike; he must show no favoritism and must guide and lead the young men, so that they respect him up to and honor him. If the principal of a school has these qualifications, as well as tact and a business instinct, the institution over which he is chosen to preside stands a good chance of being a success, of making good; while if he does not possess them, failure is as sure to follow as night is to follow day.

The starting of this school will ever be a tribute to the memory of the far sighted men, who conceived and carried out the idea of planting an institution of learning of the character of this, at the then new town of Roswell. In 1893 when the legislature passed the act authorizing the location of a military school at Roswell, it was a grave question whether or not the town itself would be permanent. I am credibly informed that in 1893, there were only a few hundred people living here. So great was the doubt as to the future of your city, that the school as at present constituted did not open for the reception of cadets until the fall of the year 1898, five years after the legislative act was passed.

Even though your school is now so flourishing and in such excellent condition, still it has had its vicissitudes, its ups and downs, as do all such institutions, during the twelve years which have elapsed since it first opened its doors to receive students.

If the people of Roswell were not so public spirited; if they did not all stand shoulder to shoulder in everything which tends to the good of your community, the loss which this institution sustained by fire a year ago would have been a serious handicap. Your citizens, however stepped into

the breach and advanced the funds necessary to rebuild the structure which had been destroyed, so that the progress of your school was not impeded to any considerable extent. The gentlemen who advanced this money deserve and doubtless receive much credit for their prompt action, for it was a commendable one. The sum which they advanced was large and they stand in the breach pending its possible repayment by action of the legislature.

I particularly desire to say a word in commendation of the present principal of this school, Col. Willson. His administration has been a successful one in every respect. A very great compliment was paid to his administrative ability, when the United States government placed this school so high in the ranks of the good military schools in the country. Last year I believe that it ranked sixth in the list which is a very fine showing, when we consider the great number of institutions of a similar character which are within our borders, many of them being situated in wealthy and thickly populated states.

Unless you had had the right man in the right place, you would have made no such showing. I congratulate you, Col. Willson, and I congratulate this school on having you to direct and guide it.

Now, young gentlemen of the graduating class, you are an exceptionally good looking and intelligent body of young men, and I believe that each of you appreciate what has been done for you, not only by the people of Chaves county, but by the citizens and tax payers of the entire territory in providing the necessary funds for the carrying on of this school, so that you might receive such an education as will enable you to enter upon the battle of life with a fair prospect of success.

Some men, there are but few of them however are so constituted that they seem to be able to acquire learning and an education with scarcely any schooling. It is exceedingly rare, however, for us to find such men. As the English poet Cowper well says: "Few men are born with talents which excel, But all are capable of living well."

A great deal of truth is compressed into those two lines. But few children are born into this world who possess talents which place them much above the ordinary run of men. Most of us, so far as ability is concerned, seem to have been cast in the same mould. If one is so fortunate as to be born possessing talents which excel, talents which place him on a plane above his fellows, he will surely distance other men in the special line in which his genius shows itself. And it is also equally true that all men if they are so disposed are capable of making an honest living, and being good, upright and useful citizens, who are of benefit to the republic, and who command the respect of the people of the community in which they chance to live.

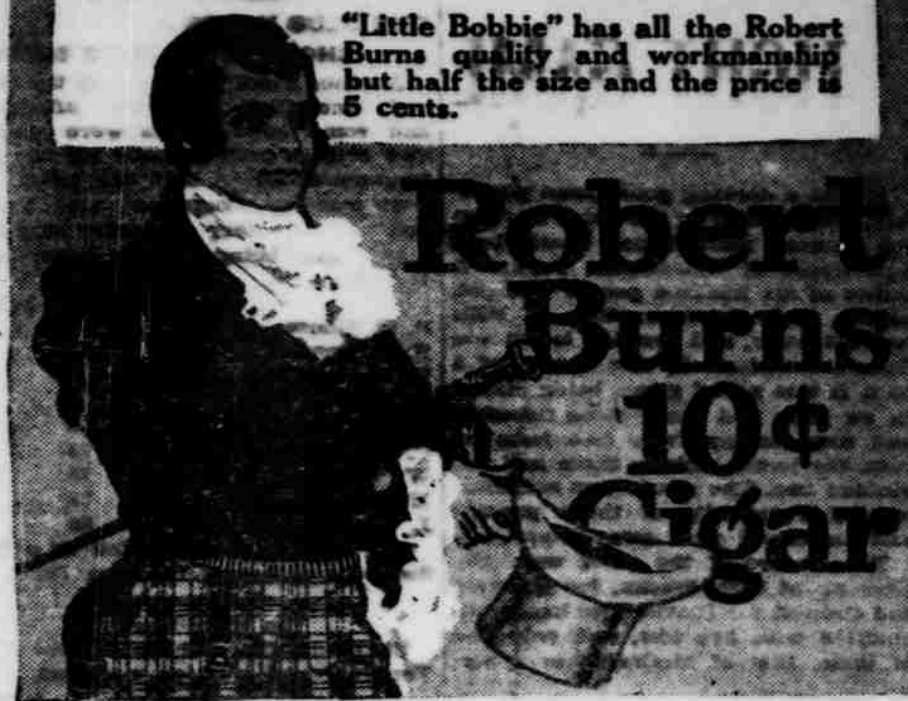
Perhaps in the class before me which graduates today, there may develop some men of true genius, who would make a great success of life even if they had had no more schooling than had Shakespeare, the immortal bard, or the great Lincoln, for example. If there are any such the training which they have had here ought to develop those talents quickly.

Do not get the false impression, that by graduating here you have learned all there is to know, for no school teaches or pretends to teach that, no matter how high its course, or how difficult its studies may be. You have but knocked at the threshold of learning, but what has been taught you here ought to have shown you how to pursue those studies farther, and enable such of you as so desire to delve deeply into the fountain of knowledge.

The knowledge which really adds to the world's fund of learning comes later in life, and as a rule is acquired by patient research, observation and study. By applying in fact to the things which you endeavor to do, whether in the field of science, art, literature or business, the principles which you have learned from books, and doing them better or devising some process by which they may be done more cheaply than they have been done before.

You have enjoyed here the means of acquiring the rudiments of an education. You have acquired that which

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is necessary for you to know in order that you may enter upon life's struggle without a handicap. As stated in the circular of information issued by your school for the years 1908-09, "its chief object is to prepare boys for the great battle of life, as well as for the responsibilities of American citizenship." Whether you will bury the talents which you possess like the unfaithful servant spoken of in the parable in the new testament, or whether you will put it to use, depends upon each of you.

You have been taught enough to make you good citizens and to enable you to appreciate good government. And right here let me say that it is far easier to state who is not a good citizen, than to define what good citizenship consists. For example, it will be admitted that an habitual drunkard is not a good citizen, but on the other hand all people who do not indulge in intoxicating liquors to excess are not good citizens; a thief or highway robber cannot be classed as a good citizen, but conversely all persons are not good citizens who are not thieves or highway robbers, a murderer is not a good citizen, but it will not be claimed that all people who are not murderers are good citizens. I might thus run through the whole category of crimes, and get similar answers, but I will not do so. You know without any definition, what constitutes good citizenship, and I shall not attempt to define it.

Briefly, you all know right from wrong, and that you should endeavor to do that which is right, no matter in what state of life it shall please God to call you. If you do what you really believe to be right, then you will be a good citizen. In learning this you have acquired much, and I hope that in after life each of you will put this knowledge to good use. You can confer no greater benefit upon your fellow man than by following the golden rule and by teaching others to do likewise.

There is not doubt that this school has trained its pupils as to make them more effective in the pursuit of their own personal fortunes, and that in repayment of the funds which it has received it has given back to the territory many men who are trained to serve it faithfully, and will, if they are called upon to do so.

The territory of New Mexico has the right to expect that you who are educated here and in the other institutions of learning, the expense of maintaining which it pays in whole or in part, that you should show a decent respect for its government and to the officials who are carrying out its laws. It is a sad fact that the holding of an office by one, no matter

what his previous reputation may have been, opens him to all sorts of attack, and calumny. A man may have led an upright life and have always striven to live up to the highest standards of morality, and yet if he is once called upon to fill an office, whether by election or appointment, some people at once begin to sneer and intimate that he is not what he should be; that he is influenced in what he does by wrong motives, and in fact suspicion grows during the continuance of his term of office. When he resumes his place in the community as an ordinary citizen, people soon forget their suspicions and insinuations, and his reputation for truth, honesty and integrity is restored, and he ceases to be looked upon as one with whom it is dangerous to associate.

It is indeed unfortunate that the ordinary run of us poor mortals, have this feeling of suspicion towards those in public places. My experience is that the great majority of office holders try to do that which is right and what they regard as being for the best interests of the people. Of course they may be mistaken as to what is for the best interest of the public. If an honest man is chosen whether by election or appointment, to fill any position of trust, the chances are largely in favor of his being honest while serving his term, while on the other hand if a dishonest man is selected, the probabilities are that he will not reform. You remember the old proverb, that a leopard cannot change his spots. This adage applies as well to human beings as to the savage animals which roam the tropical jungles. Probably the human hyena is more dangerous than the wild beast.

Let me warn you in after life to be careful and so act, no matter what political party you may be affiliated, so your efforts may be directed to the nomination and election of honest, God fearing men to office. This is the crying need of our country today. The two great political parties at the present time are not so far apart.

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